Opening of domestic LPG outlets

2187. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the state-wise number of places which have been included in the marketing plan during the last two years for opening of domestic LPG outlets ; and state-wise number of letters of intent issued during the same period ; and

(b) the names of places in Orissa which have been included in the said plan and proposed for the current year for the purpose of licencing/opening of domestic LPG outlets ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) State-wise details of Letters of Intent issued is not maintained by Government.

In addition to the LPG distributorships at Debagarh, Gunupur, Berhampur, Puri and Jatni-Khurda already approved, six new distributorships one each at Jeypore, Sonabeda, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur and two at Rourkela have been proposed for 1992-93.

Allocation of Gas from Krishna-Godavari basin

2188. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any norms and guidelines for allocation of gas from the Krishna-Godavari basin ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Allocations of gas in the country, including in the Krishna-Godavari basin, are made on the basis of best economic use, taking requirements of sectors such as power, fertilizer etc.

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2189. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मोम अफजल** : क्या **पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जुलाई, 1991 से 30 जून, 1992 तक कुल कितनी नई एल.पी.जी. गैस एजेंसियों का आवंटन किया गया; और

(ख) उसी अवधि के दौरान दलितों और विकलांगों को कितनी एजेंसियों का आवंटन किया गया ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) उंचास।

(ख) अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति . . . 16
विकलांग . . . 5

New L.P.G. connections in Rajasthan

2190. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new commercial and domestic LPG connection given in Rajasthan during the year 1992 till date ;

(b) the number of persons registered till June, 1992 for commercial and domestic LPG connections ; and

(c) the number of new domestic and commercial LPG connections

likely to be given during 1992 in Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Domestic Connections... 33,750 (approx.)

Non-Domestic Connections ... 220 (approx.)

(b) While no waiting list is maintained for non-domestic category, there is a waiting list of 6·37 lakhs (approx) for domestic connections in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) New LPG connections are released in a phased manner subject to availability of LPG.

Fire incident in oil refineries

2191. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any incident of fire in oil Refineries/L.P.G. bottling plants during 1991-92 and till date ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total loss due to fire incident ; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to check the recurrence of such fire incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Out of the 28 fire incidents in the refineries reported during the year 1991-92 and till date, 24 were of minor nature involving negligible loss or damage. Details of four major fires in the refineries are given in the statement (*see* below). No fire has been reported from LPG bottling plants during this period.

(c) A multi-pronged approach is adopted to avoid recurrence of fire incidents. Improved reporting systems, root cause analysis of all fire incidents, safety audits, periodic review of safety standards upgrading plant reliability through technical improvements, constant re-training of personnel, sharing of experience amongst refineries, learning and updating from published sources are some of the measures adopted in this area. All refineries are fully equipped with modern fire fighting equipment and systems to effectively control fire incidents.

Statement

The details of four major fires are as under :

(i) On May 29, 1991 at HPC Refinery, Vizag one of the Naphtha tanks caught fire resulting in a loss of about Rs. 35 lakhs.

(ii) On June 28, 1991 at HPC Refinery, Bombay, the propane dewaxing Unit, caugh fire resulting in an estimated loss of equipment and piping worth Rs. 1600 lakhs.

(iii) On January 28, 1992 at BRPL Refinery in the Decoker Unit, fire took place causing damage to the instrumentation and electrical systems worth of Rs. 12 lakhs.

(iv) On May, 5, 1992 at MRL Refinery during start up of the Crude Distillation Unit, there was a fire causing damage to the insulation, instrumens cables worth about Rs. 5 lakhs. Tere were no casualities in these cases.

कच्चे तेल का आयात

2192. डा० अबरार अहमद) : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष के दौरान इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा कितनी मात्रा में